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The reply brief filed December 28, 2004 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. Appellant's request for an Oral Hearing is also noted.

Appellant argues that reasoning for separate patentability was given on pages 3-5 of the Brief. However, that section is merely the "Grouping" of claims and not the "Arguments" section. There were no separate arguments provided for these claims in the "Arguments" section. Appellant merely repeated the arguments used for the prior claims.

The remainder of Appellant's arguments are addressed in the Examiner's Answer of October 21, 2004.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Drew E Becker whose telephone number is 571-272-1396. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thur. 8am-6pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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